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 with actual positions of a plurality of speakers disposed in correspondence with plural channels. Those audio signal output terminals provided for plural channels of the audio signal output apparatus are arranged to enable an user to discern individual audio signal output terminals by a color. Connecting cables are also provided with specific coloration corresponding to the colors provided for individual audio signal output terminals.--

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-32 by rewriting same to read as follows:

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 --1. (Amended) A connector for connecting a first apparatus and a second apparatus using a connecting cable member having two conductor portions, each said conductor portion having a pair of polarities and sheathed with an insulating sheathing member for one of extracting a signal of said first apparatus and feeding a signal to said second apparatus, wherein

one end of said connecting cable member conforms to a structure of a plug connector incorporating two conductor members connected to each of said two conductor portions, and a socket connector coupled with said plug connector is provided for one of said first apparatus and said second apparatus;

one of said plug connector and said socket connector are

provided with a pair of connecting pins each bearing a pair of polarities and position-controlling means for matching said polarities when an other connector is coupled with said one of said plug connector and said socket connector; and

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an other of said plug and said socket connectors is provided with a pair of coupling holes to be coupled with said pair of connecting pins each bearing said pair of polarities and a position-controlling-means coupling portion to be coupled with said position-controlling means for matching said pairs of polarities.

--2. (Amended) The connector according to Claim 1, wherein said plug connector is provided for two ends of said connecting cable member, and said socket connector is provided for said first apparatus and said second apparatus.

--3. (Amended) The connector according to Claim 1, wherein said first apparatus corresponds to an electronic apparatus fitted with a plurality of audio signal output terminals, and said second apparatus corresponds to a speaker.

--4. (Amended) The connector according to Claim 2, wherein said first apparatus corresponds to an electronic apparatus fitted with a plurality of audio signal output terminals, and said second apparatus corresponds to a speaker.

--5. (Amended) A multi-channel audio system

comprising:

an electronic apparatus provided with at least four audio signal output terminals for a plurality of channels;

a plurality of speakers for generating acoustic output for each of said plurality of channels in a form of audio signals output from said audio signal output terminals; and

a plurality of connecting cable members, each of said plurality of connecting cable members incorporating a pair of conductor members each bearing a pair of polarities and sheathed by one of plurality of insulating sheathing members for connecting said electronic apparatus to said plurality of speakers, wherein

each of said audio signal output terminals is arranged corresponding to positions of said plurality of speakers, said plurality of speakers being arranged corresponding to said plurality of channels.

--6. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 5, wherein each of said audio signal output terminals is distinguished by one of a plurality of colors for enabling each of said plurality of channels to be discernible; and

each of said plurality of connecting cable members is distinguished by one of said plurality of colors corresponding to a color distribution of said audio signal output terminals.

--7. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system

according to Claim 6, wherein each of a plurality of speaker terminals is distinguished by one of said plurality of colors corresponding to said color distribution of said audio signal output terminals.

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--8. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 7, wherein said distinguishing of each of said plurality of speaker terminals is performed by adhering a plurality of labels each bearing a different color in proximity to each of said plurality of speaker terminals in correspondence with said color distribution.

--9. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 6, wherein said distinguishing of each of said audio signal output terminals is performed by adhering a plurality of sheets each bearing a different color in proximity to each of said audio signal output terminals.

--10. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 6, wherein said distinguishing of each of said audio signal output terminals is performed by a different-color-designating portion formed in proximity to a portion of a back panel of said electronic apparatus fitted with said audio signal output terminals.

--11. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 6, wherein

one end of said connecting cable member has a plug connector structure fitted with said pair of conductor members each connected to two conductor portions;

said audio signal output terminals conform to a socket connector structure coupled with said plug connector member;

one of said plug connector and said socket connector has a pair of connecting pins bearing a pair of polarities and position-controlling means for matching said polarities when an other of said plug connector and said socket connector is coupled with said either of said plug connector and said socket connector;

said other connector has a pair of coupling holes to be coupled with said two connecting pins and position-controlling -means coupling portion to be coupled with said position-controlling means for matching said polarities; and

said color for distinguishing said individual connecting cable members corresponds to a color provided for said plug connector.

Subcz --12. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 11, wherein said plug connector member is secured to both ends of each of said plurality of connecting cable members said socket connector is secured to each of said plurality of speaker terminals.

--13. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 6, wherein said distinction of each of said

plurality of connecting cable members is implemented by a plurality of thermally contractile tubes each bearing a different color secured to each of said plurality of connecting cable members.

At con --14. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 13, wherein each of said plurality of thermally contractile tubes are secured to one of said plurality of sheathing members for visually discerning said polarities of said conductor members provided for each of said plurality of connecting cable members.

--15. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 5, wherein

an end of each of said plurality of connecting cable members has a plug connector structure fitted with a pair of said conductor members connected to said two pieces of conductor portions;

each of said audio signal output terminals are coupled with said plug connector;

one of said plug connector and said socket connector has a pair of connecting pins bearing a pair of polarities and position-controlling means for matching said polarities when coupled with an other of said plug connector and said socket connector; and

said other of said plug and socket conductor has a pair of coupling holes coupled with said two connecting pins and a

position-controlling-means coupling portion coupled with said position-controlling means for matching said polarities.

--16. (Amended) A multi-channel audio system comprising:

an electronic apparatus having a plurality of audio signal output terminals compatible with at least four of a plurality of channels;

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a plurality of speakers for generating acoustic output for each of said plurality of channels in the form of an audio signal output from each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals; and

a plurality of connecting cable members each having a pair of conductor members bearing a pair of polarities, and each of said plurality of connecting cable members are individually sheathed with an insulating sheathing member and are used for connecting said electronic apparatus and said plurality of speakers, wherein

said audio signal output terminals corresponding to said plurality of channels provided for said electronic apparatus are individually distinguished by associating each of said plurality of channels with a color to visually discern individual channels; and

said plurality of connecting cable members is provided with a specific color corresponding to said colors provided for each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals for visual discernment of individual channels.

--17. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 16, wherein each of a plurality of speaker terminals is distinguished by association with a specific color in correspondence with said color distinction of said individual audio signal output terminals.

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--18. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 17, wherein said distinguishing of said speaker terminals is performed by adhering a plurality of labels each bearing a different color in proximity to said terminal portions in correspondence with said color distinguishing of said channels.

--19. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 16, wherein said distinguishing of each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals is performed by adhering a plurality of sheets each bearing a different color corresponding to each channel in proximity to each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals.

--20. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 16, wherein said distinguishing of each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals is performed by a different-color-designating portion formed in proximity to a portion of a back panel of said electronic apparatus.

--21. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system

according to Claim 16, wherein

one end of each of said plurality of connecting cable member having members has a first connector structure fitted with a pair of conductor members each connected to two conductor portions;

each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals conforms to a second connector structure and coupled with said first connector member;

one of said first connector member and said second connector member has a pair of connecting pins bearing a pair of polarities and position-controlling means for matching said polarities when coupled with an other of said first connector member and said second connector member;

an other of said first and said second connector members has a pair of coupling holes coupled with said pair of connecting pins and a position-controlling-means coupling portion coupled with said position-controlling means for matching said polarities; and

said color for distinguishing said individual connecting cable members corresponds to said color provided for said first connector member.

Subject ~~--22.~~ (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 21, wherein said first connector member is secured to both ends of each of said plurality of connecting cable members and said second connector member is secured to each of said plurality of speaker terminals.

--23. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 16, wherein said distinguishing of each of said plurality of connecting cable members is performed using a plurality of thermally contractile tubes each bearing a different color and secured to each of said plurality of connecting cable members.

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--24. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 23, wherein each of said plurality of thermally contractile tubes is secured to a sheathing member for sheathing individual conductor members and for visually discerning said polarities of said conductor members provided for each of said plurality of connecting cable members.

--25. (Amended) An electronic apparatus comprising a plurality of audio signal output terminals corresponding to at least four of a plurality of channels, wherein

each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals is disposed in correspondence with positions of each of a plurality of speakers and each of said plurality of speakers is disposed in correspondence with said plurality of channels.

--26. (Amended) The electronic apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals is arranged so that corresponding channels are discerned by differentiation by color.

--27. (Amended) The electronic apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein said differentiation by color is performed using a plurality of sheets each bearing a different color and adhered in proximity to each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals.

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--28. (Amended) The electronic apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein said differentiation by color is performed using a different-color-portion formed in proximity to a portion of a back-panel fitted with each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals.

--29. (Amended) A connecting cable member having a pair of conductor members bearing a pair of polarities and sheathed by an insulating sheathing member, wherein

two ends of said connecting cable member are provided with said pair of conductor members connected with said two conductive portions, said ends conforming to a connector structure bearing one of a plurality of predetermined colors; and

said connector member has position-controlling means for matching said polarities of said conductor members when said connector member is coupled with an other said connector member.

--30. (Amended) A connecting cable member having a pair of conductor members bearing a pair of polarities and sheathed

by an insulating sheathing member, wherein

one end of said connecting cable member is provided with said pair of conductor members linked with a pair of conductive portions, said one end conforming to a connector structure bearing one of a plurality of predetermined colors; and

an other end of said connecting cable member such that said conductive portions are separated and said other end is fitted with a thermally contractile tube bearing a color identical to said color provided for a connector member secured to said end.

--31. (Amended) The connecting cable member according to Claim 30, wherein each of a plurality of said sheathing members is provided with said thermally contractile tube bearing a unique color of said plurality of colors to visually discern said polarities of said conductor members at said other end of said connecting cable member.

--32. (Amended) The multi-channel audio system according to Claim 5, wherein each of said plurality of audio signal output terminals of said electronic apparatus is distinguished by differentiation in shape for enabling each of said plurality of channels to be discernible by look or touch, and

each of said plurality of connecting cable members is distinguished by differentiation in shape in correspondence